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SUMMER-Y EVENTS YET TO COME IN SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE

Although some events announced in the May 1972 issue of SOUTHEAST NEWS are past and gone, there is still time to participate in others. Check the possibilities in your schedule, and register at once.

Camp Ozone, Tenn.

July 16 - 23: Resident Camping
Sunday afternoon through Saturday morning, for campers entering grades 7 or 8 in September 1972. Cost \$35.00.

July 24-29: Trail Hiking
for youth entering grades 10, 11 and 12 in September 1972. Cost, \$30.00.

August 18 - 20: Trail Hiking
for youth who have finished grades 11 and 12 in Spring 1972. Cost, \$18.00.

August 25 - 27: Trail Hiking
for youth of college age (student or working). Cost, \$18.00.

August 6-12, Senior High Conference.
Cost, \$35.00.

Sept. 1-4: Labor Weekend Family Funtastics"

for families wanting a different weekend. Cost \$2.00 per family per night.

The above events are planned jointly by U. C. C. and United Presbyterians.

For complete information, write or telephone: Camp Ozone, Tenn. 37842, telephone 1-615-354-9747.

Roosevelt State Park Pine Mountain, Georgia

August 13 - 19: Resident Camping
on two age levels, with separate programs:

1. For campers entering grades 4, 5 or 6 in Sept. 1972.

2. For campers entering grades 7, 8 or 9 in Sept. 1972.

Cost, \$30.00.

For details and registration forms,



write or telephone Southeast Conference, P. O. Box 29883, Atlanta, Ga. 30329.

1972 Leadership School

"Faith in Action" is the theme around which courses and other activities are centered at the 1972 Leadership School to be held at Boggs Academy, Keyville, Ga., July 23-29. Classes and workshops include Creative Ministry for pastors; Faith and Justice; Teacher Education Workshops for teachers of all age groups from Nursery through Adult; Partnership with Youth in Ministry; Music in the Church; and An Introduction to Black History.

Cost, \$40.00 (\$42 after July 15). Details from Southeast Conference.

A. D. MAGAZINE TO SERVE UCC

A new magazine, designed to serve lay persons, will appear in September 1972. To be known as A.D., the monthly publication (co-published by *United Church Herald* and *Presbyterian Life*) will include material for families, for Bible study groups, and for lay organizations.

Present subscribers to the *Herald* will automatically receive A.D. — *United Church Herald* edition — at no increase in cost.

The new journal will cover topics ranging through personal problems, Christian service and vocation, and social issues, particularly as these affect individual Christians.

Half the pages of the *United Church Herald* edition will contain pages designed to meet program and promotional needs of the U.C.C. A.D. will also address itself "to the hurt and hunger of the world, to the needs of persons who face the crisis of life, to creative attempts to make social structures more ethical and wholesome, and to the nature of the mission of the church throughout the world."

U.C.C. pages will continue the *Herald's* popular features, including "Accent on the Local Church," "Leader's Digest," and the forum for divergent viewpoints.

Charter subscriptions (\$4.00 each for individuals, \$2.00 per family when the congregation enrolls in the Parish Plan) should be sent to:

A.D.—*United Church Herald* Edition
P. O. Box 7095
St. Louis, Mo. 63177

Moss, "whether it is to stop the war, to continue the policies of the White House, or to adopt some other action.

"My own view," he said, "is that the U. S. Armed Forces should withdraw from Southeast Asia immediately, only conditioned on the return of American prisoners of war . . . I shall express this view to my own senators and representative and to other members of Congress who are also members of the United Church of Christ."

—*Keeping You Posted*

LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD ON VIETNAM

President Robert V. Moss has urged UCC members to express "whatever views . . . they have on the war in Southeast Asia and the policies of the Administration "through letters and telegrams to

their representatives in Congress.

"These men and women need what is in effect a referendum by which they can gauge the will of the people of the United States with respect to this war," said Dr.

'Communicating The Gospel' Is Theme Of Sixth Annual SEC Meeting

Several "communication experiences" were provided for delegates, ministers, and visitors attending the Sixth Annual Meeting of the Southeast Conference, held at Piedmont College and the Federated Church, Demorest, Ga., June 10 and 11, 1972.

Coordinated by the Rev. Eugene A. Schneider, Associate Director of the U. C. C. Office of Communications, the communications emphasis provided a springboard for the Conference's Identity emphasis. On Saturday afternoon an 18-minute multi-media presentation consisted of a wide-screen showing of a coordinated movie of denominational leaders speaking to our priorities, along with slides from two projectors. Brief, five-minute cluster discussions followed.

Participants then engaged in four workshops: "What Is News?", "How Do Individual Christians Communicate the Faith?", and "Communicating Through Mission." Leaders included Mr.



Kathy Dollard, Beth Pline, Paul Brown, Huntsville

Scott Jr., Central Church, Atlanta, Ga.; Donald Whitehead, East Tallassee Church, Alabama; Neil McGill, Daisy, Tenn.; George Hawkins, First Church, Montgomery, Ala.; Artis Johnson, Bethany Church, Thomasville, Ga.; and Thomas Medders, Mt. Olive Church, Tallassee, Ala.

Several Resolutions of Concern were passed. These were in areas of: contributions to the SEC Scholarship Fund; encouragement of proportionate giving to OCWM; overture to General Synod concerning working directly with conferences and churches; USSR discrimination against Jews; support for Black colleges of the American Missionary Association and overseas colleges of the UCBWM; gun control; endorsement of Eighth General Synod's goal concerning expansion of ministries dealing with war and peace; endorsement of General Synod's objective to establish a task force on ministries to military personnel; urging of churches to participate in local committees designed to study the relation of the Christian Gospel to current social concerns and to become involved in specific local issues.

Action was taken to approve the Report of the Board of Directors (see June 1972 Southeast News), amended as follows: "that Sections 1, 9, 12, 15, 16 and 17 of the report be approved

and that Section 10 and all other sections related to it be referred to the Board of Directors for revision — to be reported back to Conference in 1973 as a part of a five-year Long Range Plan; and be it further moved that the Finance Committee, the Executive Committee, and both staff members serve as an ad hoc Finance Committee to revise the 1972 Budget for use in 1973."

The sometimes difficult, always challenging, moments of the Conference were brought together in the context of worship, both by Chaplain David L. Beebe, and by leaders of the Sunday morning worship at the Federated Church, including Dr. Beebe, Mr. Chester Eaton, Dr. W. J. Andes, and Dr. John H. Bridges. Mr. Eaton's message was particularly timely, as he focused on the question raised by Jesus to his disciples, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you do not know me?"

Although Resolutions of Appreciation were expressed formally at the Annual Meeting to many persons, particular gratitude goes to Dr. James E. Walter, Dr. John H. Bridges, and the Hospitality Committee, under the chairmanship of Miss Marguerite Davison.



Audio-Visual Catalog Now Ready

If you did not pick up your copy of the 1972-73 *Audio Visual Resources*, you will want to send to the Southeast Conference for one.

Some audio-visuels have been added during the past months; others have become obsolete and have been deleted from the library.

The Southeast Conference Audio-Visual Library contains nearly 150 motion pictures, filmstrips and recordings on many topics. These are free for the use of our churches, except for return postage. Use of your library is encouraged.



Delegates leaving college chapel, Annual Meeting '72

Robert Campbell, editor of the Gainesville (Ga.) Times, Mr. John Williams, news director of WGAU Radio Station, Athens, Ga., the Rev. Mr. Schneider, Mr. Chester Eaton of the U. C. C. Executive Council, and Dr. and Mrs. Frederick Munson, Pleasant Hill, Tenn.

The Communications theme was continued on Sunday morning when Mr. Schneider shared information and radio spot announcements similar to those to be developed for the Conference Identity Program. Two workshops followed in which: 1. General Synod priorities were discussed, under the leadership of Rev. Andrew Cooper and Mr. Chester Eaton; and 2. Local church newsletters were evaluated under the direction of Mr. Schneider.

Conference business sessions were both routine and sensitive. New ministers introduced included: William T.



Demorest Federated Church

Anti-Busing Efforts Condemned

The United Church Board for Homeland Ministries condemned proposed legislation which would prohibit busing to achieve racial balance in schools and called for the removal of the Nixon administration's ban against use of federal funds for busing. Directors of UCBHM charged that such proposals "misrepresent the crucial issues in public education" and contribute to the public hysteria over school busing, which threatens equal access to public education.

Stressing that "busing in and of itself is neutral," its validity in any situation depends upon the circumstances and the purposes for which it is used. School districts have been transporting pupils since 1876. Busing has been used in rural areas where pupils live long distances from schools. It has been used in consolidated school districts, and it has been used both to segregate and to integrate schools.

The resolution pointed out that in the school year 1969-70, 42.8 percent of the total pupil enrollment in the United States was transported to school at public expense. "Only a small percentage of this effort had anything to do with racial balance. The United Civil Rights Commission recently reported that of \$200,000,000 in increased busing costs this year, only one percent of the increase was for desegregation . . ."

UCBHM leaders said further that "school busing is one of the many tools which must be used to achieve equal educational opportunity and quality integrated education. They urged increased federal, state and local efforts to achieve quality integrated public education and called upon members of the United Church of Christ to work for equal opportunity and an end to racism in public education.

"A moratorium on busing or a Constitutional amendment which forbids it would, in many communities, create or perpetuate a dual school system based on race or social or economic status."

Stewardship is a cheerful assist



Miss Yvonne Delk Visits SEC Churches

During the week of May 21-27, Miss Yvonne Delk, U.C.C. Secretary for Urban Education, visited several predominantly Black churches in the Southeast Conference. In addition, she and Emilie Pitcock spent several hours at Koinonia Partners, Americus, Ga., where Millard Fuller and Jim Jackson helped to acquaint them with the broad scope of work there.

On Sunday afternoon, May 21, representatives of *Rush Memorial* and *First Churches*, Atlanta, met to assess their present work in Christian education and to examine possibilities for the future. Tuesday evening Miss Delk was at Thomsville, Ga., where member of *Bethany* and *Evergreen* churches had assembled. Following a brief devotional led by pastors of the two congregations, Miss Delk traced some of her own religious background and then moved on toward helping members of each congregation look at their own potential.

First Church, Montgomery, Ala., was the scene of the Wednesday evening meeting. About thirty-five persons took a fresh look at their priorities under Miss Delk's leadership. This meeting, coupled with one they had held the week before, appeared to help them move to a productive level.

On the way to Tougaloo, Miss., Miss Delk and Miss Pitcock stopped by Marion, Ala. Mr. John Childs, lay member of the Marion congregation, guided them to the church as well as to the buildings which formerly housed Lincoln Academy.

At Tougaloo, where they were guests of President and Mrs. George Owen of Tougaloo College, they found themselves among a congregation tied closely to one of our A.M.A. colleges. An extensive building program at the college was most impressive, as was the commitment of the congregation to educational and community efforts.

Birmingham, Ala., *First Church*, peo-

OCWM RECEIPTS UP

January-April 1972 receipts from conferences for national basic support totalled \$1,726,134.70, up \$125,000 from receipts in the same period in 1971.

The good news from Treasurer Charles H. Lockyear also showed the offering for One Great Hour/Share Our Surplus at \$315,638 . . . well above 1971's \$215,243. Gifts for Veterans of the Cross and Second Mile Specials were also up.

The bad news was a sharp drop in commitment for Crisis in the Nation from \$30,026 in '71 to \$12,885. Contributions to Neighbors in Need were down from \$11,624 to \$9,508. (Most churches take the NIN offering in October.)

—Keeping You Posted

ple were hosts at a Friday evening Fellowship Supper, followed by a meeting featuring Miss Delk as guest speaker. The rather recently constructed educational building, which offers many possibilities for through-the-week ministry, already houses a Headstart Program in its spacious and well-equipped rooms.

On Saturday morning, May 27, members of *King's Chapel*, Alpine, and *Talladega Church*, both of Alabama, gathered at Talladega around coffee and pastry. Guests Delk and Pitcock, arriving late, found little time for refreshments but the meeting provided at least an introductory framework for expansion of contact and ministry.

The trip back to the Atlanta Airport was one of wondering whether the plane would wait. So far as we know, it did!

We hope this several day experience will prove fruitful.

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HERE AND THERE IN THE SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE

Birmingham Pilgrim Tells Of Activities Of Youth

Dick Barnes, Youth Director at Pilgrim Church, Birmingham, Ala., has revealed a series of events carried out by the youth. Under "Fun Activities": ice skating and eat-out in Huntsville; trips to the Dick Barnes cabin; eat-out at Barnes' after Car Wash; trip to Callaway Gardens, Georgia. "Spiritual/Cultural" activities also took place, including a visit to the International Fair; a youth church service at Oak Mountain; the Sunday afternoon meetings, where films were shown and discussed, and situations were acted out from "Can of Squirms"; and the cross-lighting ceremony at Smith Lake.

Project activities include: trip to Ave Maria Grotto in Cullman; work on Pony Shed to make it into a special place for the youth to meet; Book Study of The Word, an alleged book of the New Testament; "Slave Day" when young people 'hire out' a day to work and donate proceeds to the P.F. Fund.

A plus factor is also noted: "... our small group has a spirit of love and togetherness which is unrivalled elsewhere."

—From *Pilgrims Progress*

Sweetwater, Tenn., Observes Youth Sunday

Eight churches of Sweetwater and eastern Tennessee were represented at a Youth Sunday Service, Sunday, June 18, at First United Church of Christ, Sweetwater, Tennessee.

Methodists, Cumberland and United Presbyterians, and Baptists attended, in addition to three United Churches of Christ. On the program representing the U.C.C.'s were Susie Jimmerson, George Ervin, Harriet and Kathy Johnson, Louise McCroskey, Roy Lynn Johnson, Jr., and Rev. James L. Williams, all of First U.C.C., Sweetwater; John Brake, of Pilgrim Church, Chattanooga, and Jodie Flick, Church of the Savior, Knoxville. Representatives of the eight churches spoke briefly on assigned topics dealing with the theme "Youth Speaks Out." North Point Cumberland Presbyterian and United Methodist churches, Sweetwater, provided musical selections, as did the Sweetwater Community Choir.

Following the 3 P. M. service in the sanctuary, refreshments were served downstairs. The event was coordinated by Mrs.

HALL ACCEPTS CALL TO PLEASANT HILL

After more than 9 years as pastor of the Lanett, Ala., Congregational Christian Church, the Rev. W. Walter Hall has accepted the pastorate of the Community Church in Pleasant Hill, Tenn. Resigning at Lanett on May 28, 1972, Mr. Hall begins his ministry at Pleasant Hill in August.

During his ministry at Lanett, the church building was rebuilt following a fire. New equipment has been added to the building. A secretary's office has been equipped and the pastor's study refurbished. The program of the church has been developed to serve the needs of the church and community.

Mr. Hall follows the Rev. Willard Kratz, recently retired, as pastor of the Pleasant Hill Church. Mrs. Hall is the Moderator of the Southeast Conference.

Scott Preaches On 'Christian Conscience And Vietnam' At Central

William T. Scott, Jr., pastor of Central Congregational Church, Atlanta, recently wrote members of his congregation that he would be preaching the following Sunday on "Christian Conscience and Vietnam." Following the service the Social Action Committee of the Church led the congregation in a response to the sermon. In his letter, he wrote that "we still wage a war that has become less and less personal to us in many ways, but which even in our minds festers and troubles What I have to say is not a position statement of Central Church, nor something said 'over the heads' to others. I shall be speaking only as a brother to members of the family about a thing that concerns us all."

Roy Lynn Johnson, Mrs. James L. Williams, and Miss Doris Brewster.



Memorial Service Pleads For Peace

The Memorial Day Service, May 28, at Rock Stand Church, Roanoke, Ala., honored not only the dead, but pled for world peace. A short history of Memorial Day was given by Mrs. Betty Moon; tribute was paid to those who had given their life in service for their country and to those who had been a part of the community and church but had recently died. Then the young people of the church in several short statements, pled for world peace. The congregation sang:

Lord, let war's tempest cease,
Fold the whole world in place under
thy wings.

Make all nations one,
All hearts beneath the sun,
Till thou shalt reign alone,
Great King of kings.

Rev. Graham Norris is pastor.

Nashville Youth Confirmed

Rites of Confirmation were held in Nashville, Tenn., First and Brookmeade Churches on Pentecost Sunday, May 21, with the following being received into membership in their respective congregations: *Brookmeade* — Linda Bell, Kathy Faust, Martha Faust, Bryan Orander, Dee Rapp, and Dawn Rapp; *First* — Gary Lee, and Jennifer Roemer.

Begun in September 1971, a Joint Confirmation class was held for young people of the two congregations. Fourteen young people, grades eight through ten, participated.

Following the separate Confirmation services, Confirmands and their families joined together in a picnic at Edwin Warner Park.

Miss Frances Eastman Featured At Pilgrim

Miss Frances Eastman, Secretary for Special Program Development of the UCC Division of Christian Education, met with Pilgrim Church leaders and parents at meetings, June 21 and 22.

The Wednesday meeting brought together the Church Council and the Board of Christian Education. On Tuesday evening, June 22, Miss Eastman shared with all interested members of the congregation thinking through what needs to be done in the education of adults and children.

—*Pilgrim News*

'Mature Jet Set' Enjoys Outing

The "Mature Jet Set" of First Congregational Christian Church, Phenix City, Ala., took a bus trip Saturday, May 27, that involved many stops en route to view the "Little Grand Canyon," "Florence Marina" and the beautiful scenery, then on to Westville, Georgia, a village being portrayed as it was in the 1850's. At the end of the day the experience was summed up by the group as "most enjoyable!" Some 23 persons went along, including: Mrs. Ella Shavor, Mrs. Lorene Casey, Mrs. Christina Hilyer, Mrs. Verna Ensley, Mr. and Mrs. Otha Tate, Mrs. Lucille Arrington, Mrs. Norma Hearn, Mrs. Adele Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. Eston Steverson, Tina and Bob Steverson, Mrs. Truman Bassett, Mrs. Virlyn Harden, Lisa and Tracie Harden, Brenda Spence, Rev. and Mrs. John Rhodes and Jennifer Rhodes.

This trip, as well as the monthly dinner meetings planned for the "Mature Jet Set," is sponsored by the Young Adult Sunday School Class as their continuing project. It is one year old.

To quote some of the Young Adults, "It was time we did something for the 'older' people in our church; they have contributed so much of themselves." "It's time now to honor them so they can just sit back and enjoy meetings and dinners without the routine of cooking and bringing food and washing dishes afterwards." Food is prepared by the young adults and put before the "oldsters."

Mature Jet Set-ers are grateful to the young adults for taking them on as a project.

Games such as dominoes, the "Newly Wed Game," and others are highlighted at many meetings. Movies are taken of many of the events and are later shared with other church groups. And from time to time guest speakers are featured.

—Mrs. John Rhodes

Dollars With Degrees

J. C. Dollar, son of Calvin Dollar of Lanett, Ala., has been graduated from ministerial undergraduate courses at Elon College, North Carolina.

At the same Commencement Exercises his uncle, Melvin Dollar, now of California, received an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree.

—The Lamplighter

Langdale Congregational
Christian Church



Mrs. Marian Cameron, Mrs. Joan Hodnett, Mrs. Mary Beaird, and Mrs. Elmira Hall prepare Nominating Committee report.

Alabama Laity Hold Retreat At Wadley, Al.

The laity Retreat at Southern Union State Junior College, Wadley, Alabama, on Saturday, June 3, should have failed miserably! — President Lois Harry became ill on the evening before; funster Warren Blankenhorn was spending the day in bed because of a severely injured knee; the motion picture projector gave operator Walter Hall and friends fits.

But Vice President Anna French, on top of the situation, rounded up people to fill in the gaps. Also, the committee had planned effectively.

Mrs. Allen Hollis of Langdale, accompanied by Mrs. L. R. Hall of Birmingham, led the group in singing spiritual choruses. Thus the tone was set for presentations by Mrs. Mattie Powell of Sylacauga. Mrs. Powell's deep insights enabled her hearers to examine their own responses to Christ in these demanding days.

Dr. and Mrs. Frederick W. Munson of Pleasant Hill, Tenn., literally flew into Lanett Airport in their own plane to share their commitment of Christian ministry in the world. Their morning presentation was a slide-tape message of experiences in India while Dr. Munson practiced there and Mrs. Munson worked with the women and in Christian education efforts. In the afternoon they shared their deep concern about need for financial support of Our Christian World Mission.

Lay Life and Work Resources for 1972-73 were "opened up" in part by Rev. Emile Pitcock of our Conference staff; we considered the meaning of the "Faith" priority as outlined by General Synod and as developed by the Council for Lay Life and Work.

Following a slow start because of movie projector problems, participants became involved in the provocative film "It's About This Carpenter." Mrs. Marian

Chaplain Ron Vinson Reports On Work

Rev. Ron Vinson has been serving as Clinical Chaplain Multi-County Comprehensive Mental Health Center, Tullahoma, Tenn., since July 1969. Prior to that he was Chaplain Intern in Georgia Baptist Hospital, and then Chaplain Resident, Georgia Mental Health Institute, both in Atlanta, Ga.

In August 1972, he and his family will engage in a program of study in religion and psychiatry at Union Seminary, New York. After a year's study, he will be looking for acceptance in either a parish or a community mental health setting.

Chaplain Vinson writes that the past three years at Tullahoma have been productive: He has conducted Seminars with ministers for in-service work, as well as holding discussions with ministers, public health and welfare, and O.E.O. Agency personnel. Attempting to serve as a reciprocal liaison person with clergy and the diverse religious community, he has sponsored recurring Seminars in marital and family counseling, case discussion groups, and has instituted a half-day seminar each month in which the subject is chosen by participants. Subjects have been as diverse as "New Methods and Possibilities for Group Discussion Leaders" and "Definitions of Mental Health."

Cameron of Birmingham introduced the film and led discussion afterwards. Vice President Anna French "wrapped up" the afternoon session with appropriate evaluation.

After supper, Dr. David I. Naglee, supply pastor of United Church of LaGrange, Georgia, spoke on the theme "As You Go, Follow Christ." His message was a part of the deeply moving Communion Service in a contemporary framework.

During the brief business session, \$100 was voted for O.C.W.M., earmarked for India; \$100 was voted to be sent to the Southeast Conference; and \$67.71 was sent in for Lay Life and Work.



Dr. and Mrs. F. W. Munson share O.C.W.M. concerns



*neighbors
in need*
**HELP MAKE A
DREAM COME TRUE!**

Through your giving to the annual Neighbors in Need appeal this Fall, you can help to make a dream come true, the dream perhaps best expressed by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who hoped that the children of this generation "will one day live in a nation where they will be judged not by the color of their skin but by the content of their character."

One of the programs of the Commission for Racial Justice of the United Church of Christ (CRJ) which receives funds from the NIN all-church offering is its ministry to Black youth.

The Commission assists Black youth in North Carolina and Virginia to confront and respond creatively to issues which most affect the life of their communities. Working with youth in the Black church, CRJ is initiating and administering a variety of programs, helping Black young people: 1. to discover the role they can play in a relevant Black church; 2. to build community awareness through voter registration; and 3. to discover summer job opportunities. CRJ has helped to initiate Saturday schools where Black youth can learn something about their history and acquire a better understanding of who they are as Black people. This relationship of youth to the Black churches contributes to the life of the whole Black community and helps to strengthen Black churches of the United Church of Christ.

Plan now to contribute generously

The Rev. Carl D. Schroeder concluded his study at the Baptist Bible Institute, of Graceville, Florida, and he also concluded his ministry with New Hope Church near Clio, Alabama.

Mr. Horace Teal is chairman of the Pulpit Committee for the New Hope Church, as they begin to seek a pastor.

Budget Cuts Hit Services To Churches

Budget cuts necessitated by decreased giving to national Basic Support of Our Christian World Mission have resulted in a cutback in services to the churches.

Effective immediately, the Stewardship Council will discontinue publication of the leadership periodical *Task Force*. "Moments of Concern" (brief vignettes of aspects of mission) which have been featured in this periodical will be issued in the Stewardship Council's Fall and Spring packets.

Two of the Missionary Letter subscription services — the Letter of the Month and Children's Letters — have also been discontinued. Best Letters and Area Letters, however, will continue to be circulated, as will individual letters of missionaries to churches with whom they have a special relationship.

Other victims to recent budget cuts will be the Stewardship Education Resources, occasional leaflets prepared by the Stewardship Council on behalf of each of the national instrumentalities and in behalf of the Crisis in the Nation program, maps showing mission around the world and the placemat replicas of these maps, much of the audio-visual production and promotion, and U.C.C. support for the "Religion in American Life" program.

Faced with the necessity of these cutbacks in publications and programs, the Stewardship Council plans to place increased emphasis upon person-to-person relationship of staff with individual conferences and with local churches.

Rev. J. Kermit Harris Dies

We regret to announce the sudden death of Rev. J. Kermit Harris of Five Points, Alabama, on Saturday, June 10, 1972. Graveside services were conducted on Sunday, June 11.

The Rev. Mr. Harris served churches in Alabama and Georgia, including First Church, Andalusia; Fredonia Church, Barnesville, and First Church, Columbus. He was Moderator of the Southeast Convention, Congregational Christian Churches in 1962-63.

Our deep sympathy goes to Mrs. Anita Harris; their sons Bill and Lee, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Harris, of Roanoke, Ala.



UNDER-FIVE CLINIC OPERATED IN ZAMBIA

Just a regular check-up for this infant at the Under-Five Clinic program operated by the Chipembi Girls' School in Chisamba, Zambia, for families who live nearby. Ken and Betty Frank, missionary representatives of the United Church Board for World Ministries, teach at the school and participate in community service programs such as this.

PRIORITY MIX-UP?

One local church's Sunday bulletin reviewed the current financial situation, and warmly suggested that members keep p'edge contributions current. What was surprising in its suggestion was the nature and order of the priorities to which that church is committed!

"We are now . . . behind our proposed budget. We are grateful for designated gifts . . . but the designations must be honored and thus they cannot be used to pay bills. Pursuant to a church decision at the annual meeting, the church must first send 23 percent to missions . . . Then we make a monthly mortgage payment. Next we pay salaries to our church staff. This leaves the remainder to pay bills. Our Finance Committee is in the process of arranging a line of credit to borrow money temporarily in order to pay our bills . . . if every member would practice Christian stewardship and simply give proportionately (I Corin. 16:2) this problem would be solved."

It was the first priority that was startling — the first 23 percent of the income to missions! This church may be having some temporary problems, but one thing is certain — its direction is right!

—from *The Pacific*, North
California Conference paper.